

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to their attorney in an in-person interview on September 1, 2004. Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 30-43 are allowable.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended as discussed in accordance with the conversation between Applicants' attorney and the Examiner.

Accordingly, claims 1, 3-12, and 14-29 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of these claims.

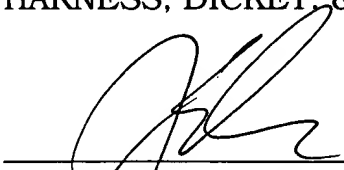
In the event this Response does not place the present application in condition for allowance, applicant requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 to schedule a personal interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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